Computerisation of post offices in the villages

3509. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to provide modern computers to the post offices located in the villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. In the Tenth Plan period the Government is providing computers to 7700 large post offices across the country located either in urban or rural areas.

(b) Computers have been supplied to 1714 large post offices located in rural areas in the country upto 31.03.2006.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Unsolicited calls

†3510 SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any measures to impose the ban on unsolicited calls being made on mobile and landline phones by some commercial companies in order to boost their business; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken against those who are responsible for ensuring access to the subscribers telephone numbers by the companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) In regard to unsolicited calls by telemarketing companies and banks claiming offer of loans and sundry facilities, Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Information Technology

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

took a meeting of Telecom Service Providers to find out a workable solution to this problem. Also, instructions have been issued to telecom operators to take strict measures to stop any possible unauthorized sale of their customer information by their employees.

Sending back of US Ambassador in India

3511 SHRIP RASANTACHATTERJEE:
SHRI TARINIKANTA ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from the State Government of West Bengal to send back the US Ambassador in India for his uncalled letter to the Chief Minister; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) The Government received a letter from the State Government of West Bengal conveying that the State Government had taken exception to the tone of a letter written to the Chief Minister of West Bengal by the US Ambassador to India.

(b) Prime Minister has stated in Parliament, on 22nd February, 2006, the US Ambassador's letter was unwarranted and at variance with normal diplomatic practice, both in form and in substance. The Ministry of External Affairs has informed the Ambassdor that he should adhere to the established protocol and channels of communication and desist from making such comments in future.

Nuclear cooperation with US

3512. SHRI JANARDHANAPOOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India recently signed a nuclear cooperation treaty with the U.S.; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.